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October 18, 2005

John Rampe
Director, Project Management Division
U.S. Department of Energy
12101 Airway Way, Unit A
Rocky Flats Project Office (RFPO)
Broomfield, Colorado 80021-2583

Dear Mr. Rampe:

RE: Data Summary Report (DSR) for IHSS Group NE-1; Ponds A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5,
B-4, B-5, C-1, and C-2; September 2005

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the subject document. Recent comment resolution meetings were successful in developing proposed changes for outstanding EPA and Colorado Department of Health and Environment issues related to wildlife refuge worker (WRW) action levels for pond sediments. In a teleconference call on October 17, 2005, the RFCA parties agreed to defer ecological risk evaluation on the ponds, contained in Appendix A of the DSR, to the Comprehensive Risk Assessment. Combined regulatory comments from CDPHE and EPA were submitted electronically (10/17/05) on a redline-version (submitted electronically 10/5/05) of the document's Appendix A for consideration in the CRA evaluation of ecological risk. Therefore, EPA approves the document with incorporation of the proposed WRW changes and deferral of the ecological risk section to the CRA.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Kimmel at 303-312-6659.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Mark Aguilar", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

C. Mark Aguilar
Rocky Flats Team Leader

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